

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are amended to specify the organic peroxide as a dialkyl peroxide selected from the group consisting of 2,5-bis(tert-butylperoxy)-2,5-dimethylhexane and 2,5-bis(tert-butylperoxy)-2,5-dimethyl-3-hexyne. Claims 3 and 4 are canceled. Claim 5 is amended (a) such that it does not depend from now cancelled Claims 3 and 4 and (b) to replace the word "having" with the word "has".

These amendments are not new matter.

Claim Objection

The Examiner has objected to Claim 5, contending the claim contained an informality and suggesting replacement of the word "having" with the word "has" for grammatical reasons. To obviate the objection, the applicants have amended the claim as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1- 6 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,255,402 (Boutillier). Applicants respectfully traverse.

To obviate the rejections, the applicants have amended Claims 1 and 2 to specify the organic peroxide as a dialkyl peroxide selected from the group consisting of 2,5-bis(tert-butylperoxy)-2,5-dimethylhexane and 2,5-bis(tert-butylperoxy)-2,5-dimethyl-3-hexyne and canceled Claims 3 and 4.

The cited references does not teach the elements of the present invention. Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection and reconsideration of these claims.

In view of the above-described Amendment and Remarks, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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